



***Grace and peace to all of you
from our Lord and Savior,***

***Isaiah 43:18-19a: "Remember not
the former things, nor consider the
things of old. Behold, I am doing a
new thing..."***

Letting go of the past can be one of the hardest challenges we face in our walk of faith. We often carry old hurts, regrets, and disappointments like heavy burdens, allowing them to weigh down our spirits. Yet, God calls us to release these things, not because they never mattered, but because He is doing something new in our lives. Christian freedom begins with forgiveness—receiving it from God and offering it to others, including



Prayer Requests:

Cook's Church/Playschool, Charlie (surg 8/23, *now home) & Debbie McCrary, Ronnie Petursson, Nancy & Richard Smith, Allyne Gant, Sara Yarbrough, Johnnie Quinn, Dale Luckey, Matt Thompson, Jack McClure, Dennis & Debbie Abernathy, Jerome Abernathy, Linda Abernathy (death of brother, David Benton, on 8/7), Ginny Dunn (*visitors welcome!* @ The Laurels, Rm #D202, 704/249-0374c), Steve (Univ Nursing & Rehab, Rm 602A) & Sharon Gilmore (now @ Huntersville Health & Rehab, Rm 104), David Luckey, Nicolas Wilson (grandson of Ed & Nancy Wilson-brain tumor), Jo Price, Betty McClure, Kurt Hollar, Melody Mathews, Michael Matrone, Judy & Richard Bogan, Lisa Roth, Colette Roberts, Gloria Ricker, Steve Johnston, Tom Lineberger, Carol

ourselves. As we let go of what lies behind, we open ourselves to the newness of God's work in us.

This letting go isn't about pretending the past didn't happen or trying to forget painful memories. Instead, it's about trusting that God can redeem and transform even the most difficult parts of our story. God is always at work, shaping us and leading us toward the future He has planned. When we hold onto past failures or cling to old wounds, we hinder ourselves from fully stepping into the life God has for us. Letting go is an act of faith, believing that God's grace is greater than our mistakes, and His power is stronger than our pain. Today, may we have the courage to release our grip on yesterday, trusting that God is doing a new thing, and step forward with faith into the promises of tomorrow. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Pastor Jason**

{Be sure to join us this Sunday at 10am for a sermon from Pastor Jason on **'The End of Acts?' (Acts.19:1-10)!**}

Cook's Cares: I've (Pastor Jason) been leading the first of what I hope will be many live and online classes under the banner, "**Cook's Cares.**"

This campaign has begun with 'my cooking classes' on **Sundays at 3pm...(next class will be held on Sunday, September 8)**. There we'll prepare some form of food that highlights culinary-school level cooking with affordable ingredients found at your local grocery store. But the concept "Cook's Cares" is far broader. ****To that end, I'd like you to begin thinking about a class that you**

Calhoun, Beverly Farquhar (M. McElhane's sister), Kathy Gant, Andy & Holly List (8/9 birth of 'Savannah Grace'; proud grand-parents are Dave & Gaye List), **Jim Hale & family** (death of mother), KCH/Kenya, Cook's Homebound mbrs/Active Military personnel, victims of mass shootings/nat'l disasters, those with ongoing illnesses/grieving the loss of a loved one, and the many others whose name(s) are not listed here but are in need of our intercessory prayer
{*Names on for 4 wks - please let the church office know if they still are in need of add'l prayer. If a name has been removed and is still in need of add't prayer, please contact the church office and we'll be glad to put them back on the list.}

Homebound List: Sara Yarbrough, Steve Gilmore, Allyne Gant, Ginny Dunn

Soldier List: Austin McCrary, Clara DeFeo, Turner Salm, Anne Ledford, Eddy Self, Andy Dula, Chris Dula, Seth Seal, John Makahilli Jr., ALL Vets & families.

Please pray for all daily; to make changes to any of these lists, contact the church office @ 704/399-7735.

*** WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BE ABLE TO MINISTER TO YOU!**

Please don't hesitate to notify the church office (704-399-7735 / office@cookschurch.org) or Pastor Jason Bryant (704-607-4162 / Jason@cookschurch.org or jaydbryant@gmail.com) of any deaths, sickness, surgeries, births, etc. that you and/or a family member may be experiencing so that we can let our Elders and Deacons know so that they can minister to you and/or your family.

might teach to assist people.

Perhaps you've got some knowledge of plumbing, construction, car repairs, personal bookkeeping, etc. that could help people successfully manage life. Again, focus on techniques or things that you do or can accomplish that would offer a benefit to someone else. Just let Pastor Jason know (jason@cookschurch.org / 704/607-4162) and we'll work from there to potentially schedule a class.

{We recently formed a **new 'Prayer Team'** that has been trained on how to pray with people with the idea of praying deeply for the ongoing needs of our church, church members and our visitors. Our 'Prayer Team' will take part in our worship service by providing prayer leadership immediately following our 10am worship service in the 'prayer room' behind the sanctuary. If you have a need on your heart and would like prayer, please be sure to join them! For more info about this Prayer Team, contact Kay or James Harper (980-275-2075 / 704-614-3550.)}

*Thank you to all that have graciously made an additional contribution to our church since the first of last year. It is very much appreciated. **Please note, our financial need remains this year.** If you have available funds, please consider making an over-and-above contribution to our general fund. Thank you for considering this request.*



Looking for a class that will help you grow in your knowledge of what God's Word is saying to each of us? You are always invited to join us at one of our Sunday School classes (for all ages!) each Sunday at 9am to study His Word and what it means for our daily living!

For more info, contact Paige Benson at 704/488-7417.

{****ALL** Adults are invited to please join Pastor's Jason Sunday School Class through this Sunday, Sept. 1, at 9am in Rm 113!}



Please note that our "Fellowship on the Lawn**" will now be held outside in front of our sanctuary unless it's raining (will set-up in the Ed Bldg lobby if weather is bad)...please join us after worship to

**WE 'WELCOME' OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS TO
COOK'S FAMILY OF FAITH!**

Please be sure to put the following information in your church directory:

Jessica (Jess) {husband, Brian} **Beasley**, children: Beth (6), Ellie (4), Maggie (2), Poppy (1), 210 Kingsway Circle, Charlotte, 28216, 910/200-4546,
mrs.jess.beasley@gmail.com

Doug & Patty Brown, 313 Stonewater Bay, Mt. Holly, 28120, 704/576-9980,
fizzygirl63@gmail.com

Nancy & Richard Smith, 901 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd, Charlotte, 28214, 704/394-0995,
rsmith417@carolina.rr.com

We've also 'reinstated' the following members to our church family and here is their info for your directory: Matt Bolick, 809 Trailing Rock Dr, Charlotte, 28214, 704/724-4359, liquiddjmb@aol.com; Vickie Harper, 12627 Susanna Dr, Charlotte, 28214, 704/813-7688, vlharper13@yahoo.com; Dianne McClure, 2051 Robert Sherrill Ln, Lincolnton, 28092, 704/564-9069, dsm109263@yahoo.com .



"Thrive: Living on Purpose" Adult Bible Study!

fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ and enjoy a quick treat while you do!



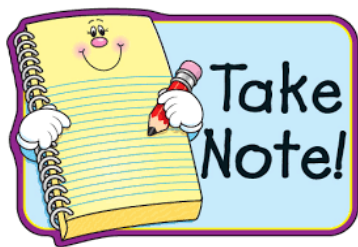
Please note: We want you to know that we have a **NEW** procedure' for the **receiving of your tithes and offerings to Cook's Church** – we have 2 offering plates available on the offertory table in front of the altar and 2 offering plates available in the Narthex every Sunday for your donations which can be put in either plate before and/or after worship each week, OR you can use our new 'QR code' that will be in our bulletin and also on the yellow card in the pew rack to make a donation, OR if you prefer, we have 'online giving' (contact Ginger Thompson, our Treasurer, for details on that option @ 704/562-7558). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jason. *As always, we thank you for supporting Cook's Church!*

This study is being led by Fred Cox and Pastor Jason and they would love for **ALL Adults** to join them **each Sunday** at **6pm** in our sanctuary!



SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE

Thank you all for your many donations of 'cereal boxes' for our 'domino chain' that will be in (our new) Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 29**, after worship – please plan to join us for our 'Fellowship on the Lawn' and to see our 'dominoes of boxes' fall!



Cook's Worship Ministry needs YOUR help!!!!

We have many people involved in each Sunday's worship service and we are currently looking for **anyone that can help with 'audio/visual tasks'** (live streaming of service, showing slides on screen, running cameras, sound system, etc. - AV experience a plus but not mandatory), **'Fellowship on the Lawn' workers**, and **'nursery' workers**.

Even if you can help *once a month or once a quarter*, it would be a



Coming in September!

RALLY DAY
Celebration
Sunday, Sunday,
September 8!

* **ANY rising 3rd graders**
- please let the church office know asap so that we can present a Bible to you that day.

Cook's PLAYCHOOOL's
Fall Session begins with a drop-in **OPEN HOUSE** on ****TODAY, Thursday, August 29th****, from **10:30am-noon**, then classes start on **Tuesday, Sept. 3rd!**

'Cook's Playschool' still has **OPENINGS** for your 2-5 year old(s) and they would love for them to **join them this fall** - contact them for more info at 704/394-4422 or cooksplayschool.org!

****CALLING ALL WOMEN @ COOK'S!****

Please join our **'Presbyterian Women's Group'** on **Saturday, September 7**, at 10:00am in the lobby of

great help. Questions or to sign-up, contact Denise Vead (704-564-8030) – thank you!

****Important Note** - Our A/V Team is **changing** the live streaming platform for our Sun 10am services from Facebook to **YouTube**. This means to watch our worship online going forward, look for them on **'YouTube – Cook's Church CLT'**. And please sign up for this YouTube subscription:

Link: Cook's Church CLT - YouTube



We will be collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** for **'Nourish Up'** (formerly **'Loaves & Fishes'**) each **Sunday in September!** Collection boxes are in the Narthex & Ed Bldg entranceway. {Items most needed are peanut butter, jelly, cereals, 100% fruit juice, canned meats/vegetables/fruit/pasta, powdered milk...NO glass containers please.}

****We will collect the '10 Cents-A-Meal offering' on Sunday, September 29,** during worship. *Thank you for helping us to help feed the hungry in our city with these 2 missions!*

our Educational Building for **'doughnuts and coffee'** and help us **'plan out our 2024-25 PW calendar year'!**

PLUS, we'd love to have all *women attend* our first monthly **'CIRCLE meeting'** for 2024-25 on **Tuesday, September 10...** **'Morning Circle'** meets at 10:30am in Rm #113; **'Evening Circle'** meets at 7:00pm, also in Rm #113. Contact Pede Self at 704/516-1753 if you have any questions.

*** Sunday, September 22 - Cook's 'Homecoming Sunday' {and hopefully} 'Fellowship Hall Reopening / Dedication Service'!** *Spread this info to all former members & friends of Cook's Church to join us!*

Attention Cookie Bakers & Lovers!

Pastor Jason and Clayton are in need of **200 dozen cookies** (preferably homemade brownies/peanut butter) for the **'Kairos Prison Ministry Walk'** on Sept. 24-27. If you don't want to make cookies, you can buy store bought ones or donate money that we will use to get the ingredients for our Youth Group's **'Cookie Baking Party'** in September as well. The **'deadline'** for bringing your donations and giving them to Clayton is **Sunday, September 22.** If you have any questions, contact Clayton. Thank you!



***START SAVING YOUR STUFF' for Cook's GARAGE SALE on Saturday, Oct. 5.**

As you are cleaning out, we have a place to store some donated items. You can bring your items to 'Rowan Hall' on **Tuesdays, from 9-11am, or Thursdays, from 1-3pm** (if Jeannie and/or Suzie McClure aren't here to receive your items during those times, see Cheryl in the church office for a key to get into RH...**IF** you need help getting the items into Rowan Hall, contact Jeannie McClure (704/519-5021) or Suzie McClure (704/363-4365) to make arrangements for them to meet you to help.) *Thanks in advance for your donations!*



Congregation – please help us to spread the word that the **“Heartbeats Women’s Center Mobile Lab”** is in Cook’s parking lot **most every Tuesday from 1-4pm** (depending on rain/heat) and *anyone* is invited to stop by to receive one of their (free) services. *Heartbeats* is dedicated to serving our community with



Mark your calendars now for **World Communion Sunday** on October 6 and our **FALL FESTIVAL** on Saturday, October 26 – more details to come!



The **Sept-Nov 'DAILY BREAD Devotionals'** are now available for you to pick up in the Ed Bldg entranceway, Narthex, and in white box at the back door to the church office.

CHECK THIS OUT!



For more details on ALL of our upcoming church events, be sure to 'check out' our website

quality care by offering free and confidential medical services (pregnancy testing, ultrasounds), practical assistance, and emotional support. For more details, their website is heartbeatspcc.org and phone # is 704-489-0708.

{Join them at their "Walk For Life" event on 9/15/24, 3-6pm, Rescue Squad Park!}

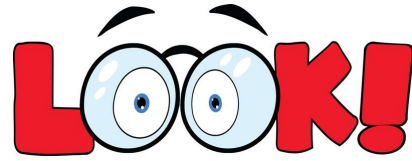


Know someone who might be interested in joining Cook's 'Cub Scouts'? If so, please come to their 'Scout Round-Up' on Saturday, **September 7** from **2-4pm** in our Educational Building!

'Operation Christmas Child' is hiring! Seasonal Employment (mid-November through mid-December) at the 'Operation Christmas Child facility' at our Charlotte Processing Center: 40+ hours per week, Monday–Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off); Part-time Opportunities available as well (e.g. M,W,F); Customer Service Team Member (\$20 per hour); Warehouse Team Member (\$20 per hour); Class-A CDL Truck Driving (\$25 per hour).

If interested, go to their website: samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs or call them for more info at 800-528-1980.

www.cookschurch.org) & Facebook page, as well as the Thurs eNews and weekly mailed newsletter!



*Anyone who would love to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" is invited to join Cook's Adult Choir! Contact Clayton for questions at claydeacon@gmail.com.

Cook's **NURSERY is available each week (for SS at 9am & worship at 10am) for our youngest members, ages birth thru 4 yrs old!



...that **IF** your picture is posted in our online church directory (to access go to www.cookschurch.org and at the very bottom

of that page you will see "Church Directory"...click on that button), you can go into your information and make changes such as address, phone #'s, if in military past or present, the different groups you have been a part of at the church, etc. If you have any problems and/or questions on how to do so, please contact Gaye List at gayelist@gmail.com. Also, if your picture (or families') is not currently in our directory, please send a photo to the church office (office@cookschurch.org) and we'll see about getting it and your information included asap!





Cook's MONTHLY MEETINGS:

We now have a new '**Digital/ Communications Team**' that will meet monthly - **time/date tba**. If you have any questions about this Team, contact Reg King.

Cook's **SESSION** will meet on the **2nd Sunday (Sept. 8)** of each month at 7pm in Rm #113.

****ALL LADIES** are invited to join our Presbyterian Women's **CIRCLE meeting** will meet on the **second Tuesday of September (Sept. 10)** at 10:30am or 7:00pm in Rm #113 in the Ed Bldg. Contact Pede Self with questions at 704/516-1753.

Cook's **MEN OF THE CHURCH** will have their **monthly meeting** at 7:30am (date tba; Ed Bldg lobby) and **ALL MEN** at Cook's are invited to attend! Contact Dale Luckey with questions at 704/309-0798.

Cook's **PROPERTY Ministry** normally meets on the **second Thursday** of each month at 6:30pm in Rm #113 - check with Neal Hager to see when they will meet again.

Cook's **MISSION Ministry** meets on the **first Friday** of each month at 10:00am in Rm #113...contact Fred Cox with questions at 980/288-3307.

Cook's **WORSHIP Ministry** meets on the **first Thursday** of each month at 2:00pm via Zoom and/or in the church office...contact Denise Vead for details at 704/564-8030.

NEWS FROM FINANCE MINISTRY

The Finance Committee would like you to know that we now have another way to donate funds to Cook's Church...you can use the QR code above, or your debit/credit card and that "app" is available to download from our website... www.cookschurch.org. If you have any questions, call Ginger Thompson, Treasurer @ 704/562-7558.

Cook's Church has a FACEBOOK page! Come check us out and stay connected!

www.facebook.com/pages/Cooks-Memorial-Presbyterian-Church



SERMONS:

Did you miss worship this past Sunday? Do you ever want to listen to a recent sermon again? Recent sermons from Sunday morning worship can be found on the Cook's Church website (www.cookschurch.org)!

Have you read your recent church newsletter? Recent issues of our Cook's Communicator can be found on our church website (www.cookschurch.org)!

Contact Us!

Pastor Jason Bryant

jason@cookschurch.org

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office@cookschurch.org

Cook's **FINANCE MINISTRY** meets on the **fourth Sunday** of each month at 11:15am in Rm #113. Contact Joe Thompson if you have any questions at 704/399-8837.

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